

Budget Presentation

Stamford Harbor Management Commission
Fiscal Committee, Board of Representatives
March 27, 2023

Summary of Function



Created by a Board of Representatives Ordinance in 2005 to protect and preserve Stamford's shoreline and coastal waters.



The HMC promotes public access to our harbors, safeguards waterfront businesses and industries, and promotes harbor safety and security.

Significant Changes with New and Expanded Services

New

- The HMC, which is funded by our water user fees, was granted permission by OPM to file a capital funding budget and we did so.

Expanded

- The Connecticut Port Authority, Small Harbors, encouraged us to apply for harbor improvement grants which we did.

Highlights

- The HMC was given \$250,000 in capital funding to purchase a Harbor Work Boat.
- The Harbor Work Boat will remove buoys, rock buoys, speed warning lights and install new ones purchased by the HMC.
- This vessel will allow the Park Department's Marina Supervisor to repair, build and replace docks and finger piers.
- This vessel will keep our harbor free of floating trash and debris as well as large floating debris that can obstruct our federal channels and create hazards to recreational boaters and commercial vessels.

Additional Highlights

- The HMC, following encouragement from state agencies requested and received \$2.2 million dollars to dredge the clogged channel of Cove Marina, the bane of our Stamford boaters.
- This work was completed last month, and the sand taken from the channel bottom was mixed and spread on nearby Horseshoe and Cove Beaches to protect against erosion and flooding.
- The HMC worked closely and well with Land Use and Operations to obtain these funds to pay for additional projects.
- Rebuilding Cummings Marina, a public boat launch ramp in Stamford's West Branch, completion of the Cummings Boat Launch Ramp.